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Counterfeiter arrested

Riverside, CA -- On Tuesday, Feb 19, 2008, Riverside Police detectives served a search warrant in the 6000-block Essex Street that resulted in the seizure of counterfeit currency and materials, and the arrest on Thursday, February 21, of a suspect.

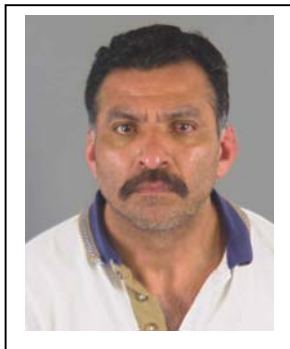
Detectives recovered counterfeit currency, pages of "uncut" counterfeit money, a computer, scanner, specialty paper, and other items indicating counterfeit money was being printed in the house. Detectives also recovered a large amount of identity theft items (approx. 200 victims).

The suspect, Wblester Baltazar BAILON, 43, of Riverside, was not home at the time of the search. Detectives learned the suspect was expected back home two days later. Detectives returned to the house on Thursday, February 21, 2008, and arrested the suspect without incident.

Bailon was interviewed and booked for identity theft, possession of counterfeit money, and creating counterfeit money. The suspect is being held on \$1 million bail. The United States Secret Service assisted in the investigation.

Media note:

(Wblester is the correct spelling of suspect first name. Pronounced u-blester).



Wblester Bailon

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